

In the Claims:

1. (Original) An access port device for use in surgery,  
comprising:

5 a first sleeve of flexible material including a proximal end and a  
distal end;

a securing device attached to said distal end of said first sleeve to  
secure the access port device externally to a patient;

10 a second sleeve of flexible material attached to the proximal end of  
said first sleeve, said second sleeve including an entry opening adjacent said  
proximal end of said first sleeve and an exit opening positioned a spaced  
distance from said entry opening;

an inflatable chamber formed between said first and said second  
sleeves;

15 a third sleeve of flexible material attached to at least one of said  
first sleeve and said second sleeve, said third sleeve including an annular elastic  
band positioned between said entry and said exit openings of said second sleeve  
to sealingly engage a surgeon's arm extending through said third sleeve.

2. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said third sleeve is of a sufficient length to be positioned adjacent said exit  
opening.

3. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said third sleeve extends along a substantial portion of said second sleeve.

4. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said third sleeve is attached to said second sleeve at a first attachment location adjacent said entry opening and as a second attachment location a spaced distance along said second sleeve from said first attachment location.

5. (Original) An access port device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein said elastic band is positioned at a distal end of said third sleeve.

6. (Original) An access port device for use in surgery, comprising:  
a first sleeve of flexible material including a proximal end and a distal end;  
a securing device attached to said distal end of said first sleeve to secure the access port externally to a patient;  
a second sleeve of flexible material attached to the proximal end of said first sleeve, said second sleeve including an entry opening adjacent said proximal end of said first sleeve and an exit opening positioned a spaced distance from said entry opening for insertion into an incision formed in a patient's body;  
an inflatable chamber formed between said first and said second sleeves;

an elongated exit opening seal mounted on said second sleeve at  
said exit opening, said exit opening seal positioned along an exit opening seal  
15 plane extending through said entry opening and said exit opening of said second  
sleeve;

a second sleeve retraction prevention means for preventing  
inadvertent retraction of said second sleeve from the incision, said second  
sleeve retraction prevention means including at least one transverse wing  
20 extending transverse to said exit opening seal plane.

7. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 6, wherein  
said at least one transverse wing includes at least one first wing positioned on a  
first side of said exit opening and at least one second wing positioned on a  
second side of said exit opening.

8. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 7, wherein  
each of said at least one first wing and said at least one second wing includes a  
pair of wings.

9. (Original) An access port device as claimed in any of claims 6 to 8,  
wherein said at least one transverse wing is integrally formed on said elongated  
exit opening seal.

10. (Currently Amended) An access port device as claimed in any of claims 6 to [[9]] 8, wherein said elongated exit opening seal includes a pair of opposed bands biased together, said at least one transverse wing integrally formed on at least one band of said pair of opposed bands.

11. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 10, wherein said at least one transverse wing includes a first pair of wings and a second pair of wings.

12. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first pair of wings is located at a first end of said pair of opposed bands and said second 5 pair of wings is located at a second end of said pair of opposed bands.

13. (Original) An access port device as claimed in claim 12, wherein one wing of said first pair and one wing of said second pair of wings extend from one band of said pair of opposed bands in a first transverse direction and the other wing of said first pair and the other wing of said second pair of wings 5 extend from the other band in a second transverse direction opposite said first transverse direction.

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